

Ohio Military Kids

Purpose

As part of the Ohio 4-H program, Ohio Military Kids supports youth of military families. Using a variety of strategies, OMK programs aim to develop youth who are resilient when confronted with the challenges of military life and who learn to grow from their experiences. Programs include youth and teen camps, family camps, and 4-H clubs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. OMK works with many community partners around the state to enhance efforts to support military youth.

Impact

Military youth live in every county in Ohio. Since 9/11, thousands of military youth have experienced a parent's deployment; many have experienced it multiple times.

Parents and children alike state that the opportunity to meet others who share the experience of being in a military family is what they like best about participating in OMK programs.

Military teens' involvement has created a desire to give back, manifested in their experiences as a camp counselor. This increased leadership role further contributed to their skill development and growth.



THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

OSU Extension
Ohio 4-H Youth Development
College of Food, Agricultural, and
Environmental Sciences

Community Partners Involved

Ohio National Guard
USO of Central and Southern Ohio
Ohio 4-H Foundation
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Additional organizations throughout
Ohio

How you can get involved:

- **Volunteer:** Volunteers are always welcome!
- **Collaborate:** Seeking collaborations in the 4-H mission mandate areas of health, STEM, and citizenship.
- **Additional Funding:** All events and activities are funded solely through grants and donations.

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